AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method comprising:

receiving by a computing device an input for a first time-slot of a plurality of time-slots of a first party's calendar from a second party, the first and second parties being different parties and the second party being associated with a group affiliation or a user type or both, the group affiliation or user type or both having one or more defined access privileges, wherein the one or more defined access privileges are defined for specific time-slots of the plurality of time-slots of the first party's calendar independent of whether there are any events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the specific time-slots, and if there are events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the specific time-slots, independent of any access privileges defined for such events; and

processing by the computing device said received input in accordance with the access privilege of the second party's associated group affiliation or user type or both for the first time-slot.

2. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 1, further comprising defining by the computing device, before said receiving, the access privileges of the group affiliation or user type or both, for the plurality of time-slots of said calendar, independent of whether there are any events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the specific time-slots, and if there are events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the specific time-slots, independent of any access privileges defined for such events.

3. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 1, wherein the access privileges include a first access privilege with an ability to read data of said first time-

slot, and an ability to write data into the first time-slot, independent of whether there are any events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the first time-slot, and if there are events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the first time-slot, independent of any access privileges defined for such events.

4. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method comprising:

receiving by a computing device a request for calendar entry or entries for a first time-slot of a plurality of time-slots of a first party's calendar, wherein the request is submitted by a second party associated with a group affiliation or a user type or both, the first and second parties being different parties, and the group affiliation or user type or both having one or more defined access privileges, wherein the one or more defined access privileges are defined for specific time-slots of the plurality of time-slots of the first-party's calendar independent of whether there are any events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the specific time-slots, and if there are events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the specific time-slots, independent of any access privileges defined for such events; and

selectively providing calendar entry or entries for the first time-slot, in accordance with the one or more defined access privileges of the group affiliation or user type or both for the first time-slot.

5. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 4, further comprising defining by the computing device, before said receiving, the access privileges of the group affiliation or user type or both, for the time-slots of said calendar, independent of whether there are any events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the specific time-slots, and if there are events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the specific time-slots, independent of any access privileges defined for such events.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 4, wherein the access privileges include an access privilege with an ability of writing an entry into said first time-slot and an ability of viewing an entry in said first time-slot, independent of whether there are any events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the first time-slot, and if there are events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the first time-slot, independent of any access privileges defined for such events.

8. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method comprising:

designating by a computing device one or more defined access privileges for a plurality of time-slots of a first party's calendar for a user group or user type or both, wherein the one or more defined access privileges are defined for specific time-slots of the plurality of time-slots of the first party's calendar independent of whether there are any events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the specific time-slots, and if there are events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the specific time-slots, independent of any access privileges defined for such events;

determining by said computing device that a second party is a member of said user group or type or both; and

granting or denying access by the computing device to a first time-slot of the plurality of time-slots to said second party in accordance with the one or more defined access privileges for the first time-slot of the user group or type or both determined for said second party.

9. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 8 wherein said second party has a user identification identifiable to the user group or type or both.

10. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 8 further including reading into said computing device said second party's user identification and said access privileges.

11. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 8 further including the computing device facilitating said first party in providing said user group or type or both, and said access privileges.

12. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 8 further including the computing device facilitating the second party in inputting data into the first time-slot, the user group or type or both having an access privilege to the first time-slot including an ability to write data into the first time-slot, independent of whether there are any events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the first time-slot, and if there are events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the first time-slot, independent of any access privileges defined for such events.

13. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 8 wherein said calendar includes an event that spans the first and at least a second time-slot, and the method further comprises said computing device omitting descriptive data of said event when said second party accesses said first time-slot, if said user group or type or both does not have read access to all of said at least a second time-slot, even if said user group or type or both has read access to said first time-slot.

14. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 8 further including the computing device facilitating the second party in editing data for the first time-slot, creating an event record for the first time-slot, inserting data into the first time-slot, deleting data or an event record or both from the first time-slot, in accordance with the access privilege of the user group or type or both for the first time-slot, independent of whether there are any events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the first time-slot, and if there are events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the first time-slot, independent of any access privileges defined for such events.

15. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 8 wherein first time-slot includes a time-slot of one specific date, a corresponding time-slot on each of a number of week days of a week, or a corresponding time-slot on each of a week day of a number of weeks.

16. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 8 further including the computing device facilitating the second party in categorizing at least one of a meeting, an appointment, a reminder, an event, an anniversary, a family event, a school meeting, and a social event for said first user's calendar.

17. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 8 wherein said granting or denying access is further based on an event type of an event to be read from or written into said first time-slot by said second party.

18-28. (Cancelled).

29. (Previously Presented) A non-transitory computer readable storage medium having instructions stored thereon that, in response to execution by a computing device, cause the computing device to

designate one or more defined access privileges to a plurality of time-slots of a first user's calendar for a user group or user type or both, wherein the one or more defined access privileges are defined for specific time-slots of the plurality of time-slots of the first party's calendar independent of whether there are any events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the first time-slot, and if there are events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the first time-slot, independent of any access privileges defined for such events,

determine that a second user is a member of said user group or type or both, and

grant or deny access to a first time-slot of the plurality of time-slots to said second user in accordance with the one or more defined access privileges for the first time-slot of the user group or type or both determined for said second user.

30. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 29 wherein the instructions, in response to execution by the computing device, further cause the computing device to perform said granting or denying access based on an event type of an event to be read from or written into said first time-slot by said second user.

31. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

a calendar module operated by the processor, and adapted to facilitate

designating one or more access privileges to a plurality of time-slots of a first user's calendar for a user group or user type or both, wherein the one or more access privileges are defined for specific time-slots of the plurality of time-slots of the first party's calendar independent of whether there are any events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the first time-slot, and if there are events scheduled on the first party's calendar during the first time-slot, independent of any access privileges defined for such events,

determining that a second user is a member of said user group or type or both, and

granting or denying access to a first time-slot of the plurality of time-slots to said second user in accordance with the one or more defined access privileges for the first time-slot of the user group or type or both determined for said second user.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 31 wherein the calendar module is further adapted to perform said granting or denying access based on an

event type of an event to be read from or written into said first time-slot by said second user.

33. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method comprising:

receiving by a computing device a designation of one or more access privileges to access a calendar;

receiving by the computing device an input or access request for a first time-slot of a plurality of time-slots of the calendar, wherein the one or more access privileges are defined for specific time-slots of the plurality of time-slots of the calendar independent of whether there are any events scheduled on the calendar during the specific time-slots, and if there are events scheduled on the calendar during the specific time-slots, independent of any access privileges defined for such events; and

processing by the computing device said received input or access request in accordance with the one or more access privileges.

34. (Cancelled).